

# Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley

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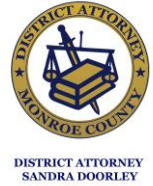
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## Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

## Message from Sandra Doorley

*How to move forward after two years of violence?*

*2020 was a difficult year in Monroe County, especially for the City of Rochester. There were 51 homicide victims in the city alone, a number we haven't seen since before my time as the District Attorney. Also in 2020, there were a total of 333 fatal and non-fatal shooting victims in Rochester, 42 of those were fatal. This is higher than any previous data collection we have on file.*

*2021 has only gotten worse for our city. We are up to 65 homicides victims in the City of Rochester so far this year, with two months remaining on the calendar. Where do we go? What do we do as a community?*

*My law enforcement partners and I have said it over and over again, we cannot arrest our way out of this violence, but we refuse to stand idly by and watch it happen.*

*I do not claim to have all of the answers and we are interested in new and creative approaches. I believe the Center for Public Safety Initiatives at the Rochester Institute of Technology has the right idea. Through our GIVE (Gun Involved Violence Elimination) Initiative, the partners suggested a two-pronged approach to violence. The first prong is the enforcement of gun offenders coupled with services and assistance for the victims and their families. Often times, we see victims and offenders intertwined and it is important that these services are heavily available for everyone affected by this gun violence plaguing our community.*

*The second prong is a community-based response to violence. This is where we need the community's help. A Community-based response driven by facts and research rather than emotion is critical to this second prong. Fully funding these alternatives allows community members to intervene in disputes before they turn violent and assist in overall crime prevention.*



## Homicide Update

So far in 2021:

City of Rochester Total: 66

Monroe County Total: 74



*We are hearing a lot of voices without many ideas. I look forward to what further research shows from GIVE and other community organizations. I will continue to do my part and hold violent offenders accountable while giving families and victims the best shot at a healthy, productive life.*

*Sandra*

## West Irondequoit School counselor charged for Child Pornography Possession

October 29, 2021, Scott Steinberg was arraigned on Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child (Class D Felony), Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child (Class E Felony) and two counts of Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child (Class E Felonies) in Greece Town Court. Bail was set at \$50,000 cash, \$250,000 bond, \$500,000 partially secured bond.

Over the past several months, child pornography was distributed online to an undercover Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent from a residence in the Town of Greece. An investigation by the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force and the Greece Police Department commenced and the individual responsible for the possession and promotion of the child pornography was determined to be Scott Steinberg, a counselor in the West Irondequoit School District. Scott Steinberg was arrested by the Greece Police Department this morning.

It is so important that we talk to our children about what is happening in our community. Bivona Child Advocacy Center is an excellent resource in our community. If you have information about this ongoing investigation, call Bivona at 585-935-7800. Also call Bivona if you suspect your child or a child you know may be a victim. The Monroe County District Attorney's Office will continue to do our part to be a voice for children in the courtroom.

## Highlights from the MCDA's Office

**Joshua Ross** was convicted by a Monroe County Jury on Manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for the death of Zaquan Jackson. On August 23, 2020, Rochester Police Officers arrived at the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Bartlett Street in the City of Rochester. Once they arrived, the officers found Zaquan Jackson, who had been beaten with a liquor bottle, struggling for his life. Zaquan Jackson died four days later at Strong Memorial Hospital. After a detailed and impressive investigation from Rochester Police Department section investigators, Joshua Ross was identified as the assailant and was arrested on September 14, 2020. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Jai'Nayll McCathan** was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and two counts of Menacing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. These charges are in relation to events that occurred on April 13, 2021 and August 12, 2020. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Nicholas DeLeon** was arraigned on Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police Officer and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

**Alexis Laguarda** was indicted on Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to stabbing a woman several times on October 14, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gina Clark, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.


**Devyne Hayes** and **Davon Perkins** were indicted on two counts of Robbery in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for events involving the armed robbery of a nurse walking to her vehicle after completing her shift at a hospital.. This case is being prosecuted in Youth Part by Assistant District Attorney Anthony Freeman, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Shavorie Nesmith** was indicted on Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to a vehicular assault on a woman on March 3, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by ADA Constance Patterson, of the Major Felony Bureau.


## MCDA in the Community

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office has adopted five large families to provide a full Thanksgiving Day dinner. If you are interested in adopting a family to help ensure everyone who wants a dinner in our community has one, please reach out to Primetime585 at

<https://www.facebook.com/Primetime-Learning-Academy-108869610926268/> or <https://twitter.com/PrimetimeBall>



Primetime 585 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Thanksgiving Adopt a Family



Primetime 585 will be adopting families for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please consider adopting and helping families in need. Each meal donated will contain all the fixings for a family holiday meal.  
Donations can be monetary or groceries donated directly to the family. Cash donations can be sent to Venmo: [@primetime585](#)

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## MCDA in the News

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/homicide-suspect-accused-of-also-shooting-at-police-arraigned-on-multiple-charges/6277621/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/rochester-man-convicted-in-august-2020-beating-death>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2021/10/21/christian-santiago-shot-killed-lamont-place-rochester-ny/6115475001/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2021/10/25/greece-ny-police-chief-crash-investigation-what-we-know-now/6171118001/>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/greece/greece-police-chief-resigning-in-wake-of-crash-investigation/>



## Happy Halloween

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office wishes everyone a happy and safe Halloween. Dressed in black, we are ready for the weekend! Keep an eye out for trick-or-treaters and make smart and safe decisions.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Armando Benitez and Ryan Mulcahy for passing the New York State Bar Exam! Both Armando and Ryan are going to be amazing Assistant District Attorneys and we are proud of all of their hard work that led to this impressive accomplishment.





## Local Courts Chili Cook-off!

Congratulations to Local Courts Deputy Bureau Chief Christopher Bokelman on winning this year's Annual Local Courts Chili Cook-off! It was a tough competition, but ADA Bokelman was the declared victor by popular vote.

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